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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6680**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1348

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 14, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Public School Authority.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a school corporation or a school within a school corporation may not delegate to a nonpublic organization the authority to determine whether students are eligible to participate in extracurricular programs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Education would likely experience a minimal administrative cost savings regarding its participation in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Case Review Panel discussed below in the background section. Under current law, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction acts as the Chair of the Case Review Panel.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill would prohibit nonpublic organizations from determining student eligibility to participate in extracurricular programs, including athletic, music, and drama programs. School corporations would incur additional administrative time and cost in determining student eligibility regarding the participation of students in extracurricular activities, and associated costs would be absorbed within existing school corporation budgets. The specific effects of this bill would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

**Background:** One such organization is the IHSAA which determines student eligibility for interschool athletic activities. The IHSAA currently regulates, supervises, and administers interschool athletic activities among its 384 member high schools. It determines qualifications of individual contestants, coaches, and officials. The Association was organized in 1903. The IHSAA is governed by its legislative body, the Board of Directors. Composed of 18 members who are elected by member school principals from five IHSAA legislative districts, the directors serve staggered three-year terms. The Board of Directors meets annually

with the responsibility of establishing IHSAA rules and regulations. Within the Board of Directors is the Executive Committee, composed of directors serving the second and third years of their three-year terms. The Executive Committee meets monthly and is responsible for organizing and directing state tournaments and state meets among other administrative duties.

Public Law 15-2000 required the IHSAA to establish a case review panel comprised of parents, high school principals, and athletic directors appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Case Review Panel examines the application and interpretation of IHSAA rules and makes decisions regarding individual cases brought forth by concerned parents.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations, Counties.

**Information Sources:** Kevin McDowell, Department of Education, (317) 232-6647; IHSAA website: <http://www.ishaa.org>.